

**Town of Exeter
Swasey Parkway Trustees Meeting
Nowak Room
November 19, 2025
4:00 PM
Approved Minutes**

1. Call Meeting to Order

Chair Staples called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM and introduced the members who were present

2. Open Landscape Maintenance Bids

Chair Staples opened the sealed bids and noted:

My Leaf Landscaping, LLC of Stratham
Mowing and trimming \$525 per
Spring cleanup \$1,750
Fall cleanup \$2,825
\$1,500 pruning
Have references

Kyle Taylor Entr. LLC of Exeter
Mowing and trimming \$550 per
Spring cleanup \$2,750
Fall cleanup \$3,750
\$1,500 pruning

All Natural Landscaping (current contract)
Mowing and trimming \$500 per
Spring cleanup \$1,650
Fall cleanup \$2,800
\$3,000 pruning

FMG Ent. Of NE – Lewiston, ME
Mowing and trimming \$1,820 per
Spring cleanup \$8,500
Fall cleanup \$8,500
\$11,500 pruning
Have references

D&J Landscaping – Plaistow
Mowing and trimming \$480 per
Spring clean up \$1,600
Fall clean up \$2,750
\$2,900 pruning

The Trustees compared Kyle Taylor and My Leaf bids and noted the one from Lewiston, ME, FMG, had a site walk. The Trustees do not plan pruning this year and do it every other year and will address that in March.

Chair Staples will take care of the brush pile at the Water Street entrance and the Hawthorn tree that split.

Mr. Thompson noted all bids seem close by the one from ME.

Mr. Short noted that John is a known and does what he is asked. He noted My Leaf is \$100-\$200 more, so it is pretty close. Mr. Thompson agreed.

Mr. Thompson motioned to proceed with All Natural Landscaping. Mr. Short seconded the motion. A vote was taken, all were in favor, the motion passed unanimously.

Chair Staples will go into town hall, and contact the bidders.

3. Introductions:

Present were: Chair Dwane Staples, Vice-Chair Darius Thompson, and Dave Short

Others Present: Select Board Representative/Chair Niko Papakonstantis

4. Public Comment

There was no public comment, outside of agenda items.

5. Approval of Minutes

October 15, 2025 Public Meeting Minutes

Mr. Thompson motioned to approve the October 15, 2025 minutes. Mr. Short seconded the motion. A vote was taken, all were in favor, the motion passed unanimously 3-0-0.

6. Coastal Resiliency Update

Mr. Thompson reported the next meeting is on December 1, 2025 at SST, 40 Linden Street from 6-8 PM and there will be public input and breakout sessions so the audience can participate. He asked for permission to put a flyer in a couple of places at the Parkway.

Mr. Short motioned to allow the Coastal Resiliency Advertisement to be placed in the Parkway as requested. Mr. Thompson seconded the motion. A vote was taken, all were in favor, the motion passed unanimously 3-0-0.

Mr. Thompson will let Ms. Murphy know.

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93 **7. Update on Turn Around – Input from Public**
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95 Chair Staples reported that the DPW Director recommended holding off to see what is
96 happening with the Coastal Resilience report.
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98 **8. Tree Pruning and removal/Unitil recommendations**
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100 Mr. Short reported that there has been no cutting yet.
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102 **9. Mroz Bench Bequest Terms**
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104 The Trustees reviewed the bequest terms for the bench, marker and tree, and discussed how
105 they can be adhered to in the future. Mr. Short noted that it was a generous offer but the
106 interest alone would pay for the work and questioned if there were a way to utilize the funds on
107 a more significant scale while incorporating the memory of his son and continue to ensure the
108 work takes place. Mr. Short noted the surplus interest will continue to grow and he hates to see
109 it tied up doing nothing when more could be accomplished with it. Chair Staples recommended
110 going back and talking to Mr. Mroz. Select Board Chair Papakonstantis noted it was a generous
111 bequest and Mr. Mroz's choice. The Trustees noted they do not meet in December and could
112 have something final in January.
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114 ***Mr. Thompson motioned to authorize Chair Staples to agree to the terms of the bequest***
115 ***pending discussion with the donor as to whether there is a way to utilize the funds more***
116 ***significantly while incorporating the memory of his son and continuing to ensure the***
117 ***work takes place in perpetuity. Mr. Short seconded the motion. A vote was taken, all were***
118 ***in favor, the motion passed unanimously.***
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120 Chair Staples will contact Mr. Mroz.
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122 **10. Ambrose Swasey Trust Fund**
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124 Chair Staples reported that \$312,000 was received from Key Bank and that he met with Pat
125 Curtis and Corey Stevens and after the first of the year they will define "income."
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127 **11. Other Business**
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129 **Block Building**
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131 Mr. Thompson asked about the mural. Chair Staples will get clarification if the building is
132 controlled by the Trustees or the Select Board.
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134 **Birch Tree Plaque**
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136 Mr. Short will ask Eileen about the plaque and whether they can get ExeterTV to cover it.

137 **12. Next Meeting Date: January 21, 2026 at 5 PM.**

138 **13. Adjourn**

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140 ***Mr. Thompson motioned to adjourn the meeting at 4:43 PM. Mr. Short seconded the***
141 ***motion. A vote was taken, all were in favor, the motion passed unanimously.***

142 Respectfully submitted,

143 Daniel Hoijer

144 Recording Secretary

145 (via *ExeterTv.com*)